

**Remarks**

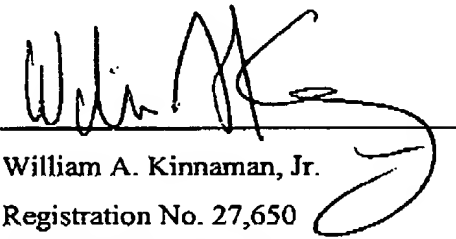
Claims 11, 20 and 26, directed to program storage devices, have been rewritten as independent claims rather than as claims dependent on corresponding method claims, as they were previously. No substantive change is intended.

This amendment is believed to simplify the issues on appeal since it eliminates, as a possible new ground for rejection, the dependency of claims of one statutory class on claims of another statutory class. Also, in the case of claim 11, it eliminates an error, since claim 11 as previously presented depended on cancelled claim 1 rather than on claim 4 as intended. Accordingly, this amendment is believed to be appropriate for entry under 37 CFR 41.33(a) and 1.116(b)(2).

Applicants respectfully request that this amendment be entered for the reasons stated above.

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